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Endowment for Health Awards More Than \$1.5 Million for Statewide Health Projects

Concord, NH – The Endowment for Health, New Hampshire’s largest health foundation, recently awarded more than \$1.5 million in grants to organizations for the resources necessary to forward health-related projects in New Hampshire. Many of these projects have statewide reach while others address need in targeted geographic areas of the state.

The following grants were awarded to reduce economic barriers to health:

Sustaining NH's Health System

Improving the systems that finance and provide New Hampshire's health care – \$75,000
Grantee: NH Citizen's Health Initiative/University of New Hampshire

Understanding the Potential Impact of an Aging Population on Health Care Policy in New Hampshire – \$42,470

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies

NH Health Care Town Hall

An online, interactive dialogue on health system reform – \$18,300
Grantee: NH Citizen's Health Initiative/University of New Hampshire

Nashua Area Health Center Relocation

Assessing environmental factors to support a Community Health Center move – \$9,000
Grantee: Lamprey Health Care

Expanding and Integrating Mental Health Access

Legal services to support organizational expansion of mental health services – \$5,000
Grantee: Avis Goodwin Community Health Center

Grants to reduce geographic barriers to health:

Sullivan County Community Mobility Project

A comprehensive plan to improve regional transportation services for the people of Sullivan County – \$118,001
Grantee: Upper Valley Lake Sunapee Regional Planning Commission

Contoocook Valley Transportation Company

Developing transportation options in the region – \$53,303
Grantee: Contoocook Valley Transportation Company/Monadnock Community Hospital

Carroll County Transportation Project

Developing a community transportation system in the County – \$129,655

Grantee: Tri County Community Action Program, Inc.

Evaluating Health Buddy Technology for People with Severe Mental Illness and Chronic Medical Conditions

Measuring the efficacy of home monitoring approaches to improve health outcomes, reduce costs and empower those with chronic health conditions – \$75,000

Grantee: Riverbend Community Mental Health, Inc.

Grants to improve the mental health of NH's children and their families:

Project Prevent: The New Hampshire Program to Improve Outcomes for Young Children at Risk for Neglect and Abuse

Demonstrating the value of research-based interventions within NH's family courts and the child welfare system – \$235,829

Grantee: Dartmouth Trauma Interventions Research Center/Trustees of Dartmouth College

New Hampshire Legal Assistance Youth Law Project

A collaboration of the juvenile justice system with child-serving agencies to ensure access to mental health, educational and other services – \$118,000

Grantee: New Hampshire Legal Assistance

Kids and Rx Drugs: Just Say "Know" Initiative

Understanding the use of psychotropic drug prescribing to NH children – \$53,265

Grantee: Prescription Policy Choices

Increasing Access Through Integrated Care

Designing a behavioral health care model within a pediatric primary care setting – \$31,539

Grantee: Child Health Services

Healthy Babies/Healthy Children

Integration of mental health, developmental and primary care systems for Upper Valley children and their families (birth to age 6) – \$26,038

Grantee: PathWays of the River Valley

Sustaining the National Alliance on Mental Illness

Building capacity and advocacy to support and improve NH's mental health system – \$25,000

Grantee: National Alliance on Mental Illness-New Hampshire

The Family Place

Integrated care for homeless families with co-occurring disorders – \$24,000

Grantee: Families in Transition

Healthy Transitions

Federal grant development to improve mental health services for NH's transition-age youth – \$10,000

Grantee: University of New Hampshire

Grants to reduce social-cultural barriers to health:

Gate City Health and Wellness Immigrant Integration Initiative

Promoting collaboration between Nashua's municipal, social and health-care agencies to better serve newly arriving immigrants and refugees – \$78,193

Grantee: City of Nashua Division of Public Health and Community Services

Camps for Diversity

Developing respect, understanding and compassion for people of all backgrounds – \$67,100

Grantee: Southern District YMCA

Fences and Neighbors: New Hampshire's Immigration Stories

Engaging diverse communities in dialogue to improve social connection – \$56,030

Grantee: New Hampshire Humanities Council

Increasing Organizational Capacity for the Coalition of African Organizations

Strengthening the systems that support African-serving organizations – \$15,000

Grantee: Somali Development Center

Needs Assessment for Mental Health Services for NH's Refugee Youth

Matching local needs with best practices – \$10,000

Grantee: Wellesley College

NH Plan to Reduce Health Disparities and Promote Health Equity

Identifying health disparities and promoting strategies to improve the health of NH's racial, ethnic and linguistic minorities – \$10,000

Grantee: University of New Hampshire

Supporting Family Literacy for New Americans with AmeriCorps/Vista Volunteers

Fostering social and academic integration for African youth and their families – \$7,000

Grantee: New Hampshire Minority Health Coalition/New American Africans

Grants to improve NH's oral health:

Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative

Creating a sustainable and accessible dental practice for all Sullivan County residents – \$160,000

Grantee: Sullivan County Oral Health Collaborative, Inc.

Planning for a College of Dental Medicine at University of New England

Educating the next generation of oral health professionals in New England – \$50,000

Grantee: University of New England

Dental Workforce

A comparative analysis of variations in NH's oral health access, workforce, and Medicaid billing practices – \$29,470

Grantee: New Hampshire Center for Public Policy Studies

Other grants:

North Country Health Occupations Initiative

Training and materials for youth health occupations program – \$4,341

Grantee: North Country Health Consortium

The Endowment for Health was established in 1999. Since 2001, the Endowment has awarded more than 666 grants totaling more than \$29 million to support a wide range of health-related programs and projects in New Hampshire. For more information about proposal guidelines and funding priorities for the 2009 program year, visit www.endowmentforhealth.org

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